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**ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
FOR WEEK ENDING 06-Nov-04 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	CURRENT WEEK 11/06/04	PREVIOUS WEEK 10/30/04
BRO-FRY	166,315	167,101
LT HENS	1,557	1,209
HVY HENS	1,447	1,511

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA

WEEK ENDING 30-Oct-04 (THOUSAND HEAD)

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
HEAD	371	7	378
HEAD SLTR COMPARISONS			
LAST WEEK	379	20	399
SAME WEEK YR AGO	175	0	175
TO-DATE/2004	10,473	126	10,599
TO-DATE/2003	9,884	137	10,021

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION
TOTAL U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN THE U.S. AND CANADA

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
HEAD	1,804	1,526	3,330
HEAD SLTR COMPARISONS			
LAST WEEK	1,841	1,521	3,362
SAME WEEK YR AGO	1,268	1,314	2,582
TO-DATE/2004	69,247	58,670	127,917
TO-DATE/2003	72,415	60,630	133,045

**LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
WEEK ENDING 30-Oct-04 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
HEAD	160,527	1,433	1,519	2,952
AVG WT	5.33	3.14	8.13	5.71
HEAD SLTR COMPARISONS				
LAST WEEK	162,135	1,462	1,501	2,963
SAME WK YR AGO	157,750	1,093	1,314	2,407
AVG WT	5.36	3.41	7.89	5.86
TO-DATE/2004	6,752,845	58,774	58,544	117,318
TO-DATE/2003	6,644,787	62,531	60,493	123,024

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 163.4 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 162.5 million head or 0.9 million less than estimated available.

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION,
CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING 23-Oct-04

(A) FAST FOOD/FOOD SERVICE 4.20 LBS & DOWN	(B) RETAIL 4.21-5.25 LBS	(C) DEBONING 5.26 LBS & UP
-----THOUSANDS-----		

Head	26,563	20,634	46,613
Avg Weight	3.78	4.82	6.60
% of total /1	28%	22%	50%
Last week	25,113	23,483	50,724
Avg Weight	3.77	4.74	6.64
% of total /1	25%	24%	51%
Same week, yr ago /2	24,262	31,632	52,622
Avg Weight	3.77	4.77	6.29
% of total /1	22%	29%	48%
To date/2004	1,091,143	897,435	1,929,327
To date/2003	977,419	1,002,962	1,881,954

/1 MAY NOT TOTAL TO 100% DUE TO ROUNDING

/2 COMPARABLE WEEK

- (A) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the fast food and food service industries. May also include Cornish hens.
- (B) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the retail industry.
- (C) This weight class generally denotes chickens used in further processing. May also include heavy roasters sold in retail channels.

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED WEEK ENDING 30-Oct-04
(THOUSAND HEAD)

	YOUNG (B) HENS	TOMS	YOUNG BREEDERS	OLD BREEDERS	TOTAL
HEAD	2,165	2,926	63	2	5,156
AVG WT	15.89	35.54	24.57	24.95	27.15
HEAD SLTR COMPARISONS					
LAST WEEK	1,806	2,597	87	8	4,498
SAME WK YR AGO	2,391	3,124	55	2	5,572
AVG WT	16.13	33.98	25.85	62.54	26.25
TO-DATE/2004	74,523	110,326	2,270	310	187,429
TO-DATE/2003	81,253	118,435	2,743	556	202,987

SOURCE: USDA/AMS POULTRY PROGRAMS, MARKET NEWS BRANCH.
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